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## POD Has New Stamp Display

### Queen And Saint On Portugal Pair

A Queen and a prior who became saints are featured on a set of four commemoratives released July 10 in the town of Coimbra, Portugal. The occasion was the feast of Queen St. Elizabeth.



Her likeness is depicted on the 1 Escudo brick red and 2.50E. violet values, with that of St. Teotonio Ovesques on the 2E. green and 5E. sepia adhesives. In all four instances the principal design will appear on a background of chamois color.

Elizabeth of Aragon, wife of King Dinis, was born in 1274. Married at the age of 14, she continued in the religious ways of her earlier training and devoted much of her royal time, funds and prerogatives to the aid of the poor. She became a widow in 1325 and for the remaining 11 years of her life lived and served as a nun although she never formally took the vows of that calling.

St. Teotonio Ovesques was the first prior of the monastery of St. Cruz, at Coimbra. Born in 1090, his education was supervised by his uncle, D. Cresconio, bishop of the Coimbra diocese. He was very active throughout his career, and in recognition of his great works was sainted just a year after his death in 1152. The new set is photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd., London. Editions are 7, 5, 2, and 1 million, respectively, of the 1, 2, 2.50, and 5E. values.

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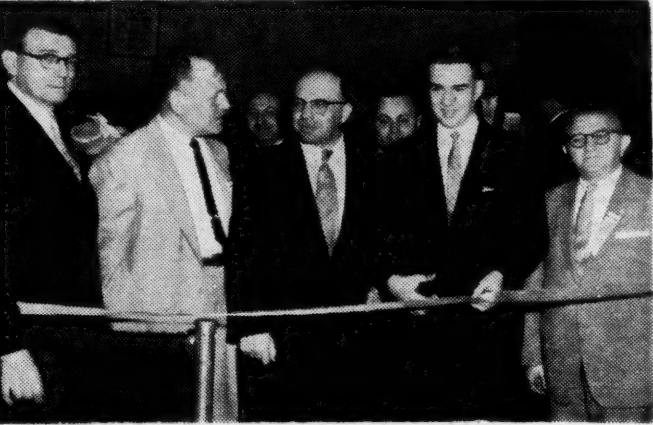
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THE RECENT ISPEX EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK got under way June 15 with the official ribbon cutting ceremony pictured. The important function was performed by ISPEX junior member Stephen Rutherfordman, representing the spirit of youth in philately. Shown in the group, left to right, are Sidney Bernstein, ISPEX public relations chairman; Emil Weitz, vice president; Dr. Josef Burg, Minister of Posts of Israel; Mr. Rutherfordman; and Solomon Handel, ISPEX vice-chairman.

### Suggestions On Approaching U.S. Postage Dues As Field Of Interesting New Specialty

J. F. Helstern

The intent of this article is to create interest in the most neglected of our U.S. stamps, the Postage Dues, and help overcome the two prime factors causing this neglect; namely, the innumerable shades involved and the lack of complete reference material. Except for a book by John Luff appearing about 1902, other authorities have ignored them, and catalogs have given only a general outline of the entire field.

Actually the shades are not so confusing after a bit of study and a later explanation will deal with getting them set up properly. The remaining obstacle, a complete listing of the shades, follows:

Special album pages will be necessary and the following procedure will be found practical. Blank or quadrille sheets to be spaced to allow for eight rows of stamps across, and up to seven rows from top to bottom, depending on the number of shades in the issue plus room at top for heading, dates, etc.

The first row, top to bottom, left side is for the shade name. The stamps are placed to the right of this in order of numerical denominations and corresponding numbers are placed below each other. For the three is-

sues having more than seven shades an extension may be added at the bottom and folded up and over when closing the album.

Locating the lightest shade of each issue at the top and working down to the darkest, as per shade list, will make best appearing page and also serve as a color chart for quick identification when adding stamps. Stock book pages 8 1/2 x 11 set up on the same plan are excellent and convenient for duplicates.

Working with clean bright stamps in good daylight is important. The use of aged, faded, oxidized or color run copies will distract from the actual shades. Artificial light causes colors to appear vastly different.

It is definitely necessary to establish the main shades of the issues and to select the best one of each as a master copy. The remaining ones can then be determined by their color description.

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## Gained Philatelic Approval At "ISPEX"; Now Being Exhibited In U. S. Pavilion In Brussels

Ernest A. Kehr

That "something new has been added" category was finally attained by the philatelic section of the U. S. Post Office Department with the unveiling at the June 15-18 "ISPEX" exhibition in New York City of — a "new look" official postage stamp display to replace the grim and grizzled veteran frames which had been making the rounds of national and world philatelic events for almost two decades!

The three frames which ISPEX visitors had the privilege of being the first to behold are indeed improvements over the battered, scratched Victorian frames of faded stamps or proof impressions long used by Washington for the purpose. The trio with additions will henceforth be sent to exhibitions both here and abroad.

In discussing the innovation, Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Division of Philately for the Post Office Department, publicity stated that the decision to make changes was due to the long campaign conducted by the writer in the stamp columns of the New York Herald Tribune.

Whenever the Post Office Department has been invited to participate at important national or international stamp exhibitions, it simply readressed a crate returned from the last one and shipped it out again.

Very rarely did the Department even replace specimens that had faded, or retouch a frame's paint where it had been scratched or chipped in handling.

The impression these displays made, especially in foreign shows, was less than complimentary. Visitors who saw them turned away with the impression that the United States government just didn't care enough for the country to which material was sent to make up an attractive display.

In Madrid, in 1950, for example, the reaction was so marked that the American Embassy sent a strong protest to the State Department saying that "no exhibit at all would have been better than one which insulted visitors."

In Luxembourg, the United States frames compared so unfavorably with all other foreign displays that John Redding, then Assistant Postmaster General, asked the writer (who was commissioner of the exhibition) to arrange that Grand Duchess Charlotte not get a chance to

### East German Single For Fifth Congress

East Germany marked the 5th Congress of the East German Socialist Unity Party with the issuance of a single 10 pfennig adhesive June 25. The design features a workman's forearm and hand clasping a flag inscribed "V. PARTEITAG der SED".



The newcomer was designed by K. Sauer of Berlin and offset printed by the Deutsche Wertpapier - Druckerei, Leipzig, on the usual "quarterfoils" wmk paper. The color is red, with a two-tone effect. Figures on the quantity printed are given as one million copies.

### New 5 Quetzal Regular Scheduled By Guatemala

In the immediate future, according to a recent announcement of official quarters in Guatemala, that country will issue a new 5 Quetzal stamp in the regular series.

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creases in postal rates which has  
been thus far been overlooked in  
the excitement of the 11 new is-  
sues coming July 31 and August  
1 is that all collectors who send  
or have sent covers for cachet,  
IGY and other such events tak-  
ing place after July 31 must af-  
fix (or pay for) sufficient postage  
to meet the increased rates.

This circumstance has not  
faced surface mail matter since  
the July 6, 1932 rise from 2c to  
3c, but during the same period it  
has brought troubles to airmail  
cachet and flight collectors three  
times.

The airmail rate rose from 5c  
to 8c, then dropped to 6c and  
climbed again to 8c. Back it flip-  
ped to 5c a second time, then  
mounted once more to 6c where  
it has remained for several years.  
Each rate hike complicated mat-  
ters for collectors who had sent  
covers for events which took  
place after the various increases  
became effective.

Collectors who have already  
forwarded covers to be serviced  
at the new rates should now send  
additional funds to cover the 1c  
per cover increase. Otherwise, the  
agent(s) will be faced with an  
unpleasant and possibly expen-  
sive problem, as set forth in the  
following letter just received  
from Engine Yeoman Morris  
Schlestein aboard the USNS  
"Point Barrow" in the Arctic  
area:

"It seems that the Good Lord  
placed me on board this ship—  
one that's slated for the 'Arctic  
Operations' this summer—and  
it seems that good fortune  
placed me in charge of taking  
care of the many covers that  
have been coming in for Arctic  
cancellations.

"I, too, am a cover collector for  
the past ten years and it seems to  
me that many of these collectors  
are still unaware that postal  
rates will be increased 1c on all  
domestic mail on August 1. Be-  
fore these covers are cancelled  
the raise in postal service will be  
in effect.

"Many sent in theirs with the  
old rate... so far I've taken  
care of that point. Some neglect-  
ed to put 'stuffer' cards in their  
envelopes. For the benefit of oth-  
ers to come please advise them  
that there is very little time on  
board to adjust these discrepan-  
cies.

"Remember the increase in  
postal rates, put stuffers cards in  
your envelopes and we'll do the  
rest..."

## POD Makes Plans To Revalue Envelopes

According to Belmont Fairies  
in a recent article in the Wash-  
ington, D. C. "Sunday Star", the  
Post Office Department has de-  
cided against revaluing the cur-  
rent 2c postal cards into the new  
3c rate. On the other hand, posi-  
tive action is planned toward the  
huge supplies of 3c envelopes  
now on hand—throughout the  
country.

Postmasters have been instruct-  
ed to hold cartons containing  
5000 or more envelopes for which  
there is no current demand. The  
inference here is that the many  
varieties of past local revaluation  
endeavors may again be preva-  
lent. Also to be watched for is  
the overprinting of an occasional  
odd envelope of a variety not  
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ested dealers.

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## Topical Interest In Luxembourg Listing

Two specialized philatelic pub-  
lications have collaborated to pre-  
sent a documented checklist of  
the visual fine arts on stamps.  
To celebrate the beginning of its  
ninth year of continuous publica-  
tion, the "Luxembourg Phila-  
telic" devotes its entire May is-  
sue to a checklist of fine arts  
on the adhesives of the Grand  
Duchy.

This impressive work was pre-  
pared by Kay Ziegler of San  
Diego, assisted by Mrs. Clare  
McAlister of the Fine Arts Unit  
of the American Topical Assn. as  
well as by members of the Lux-  
embourg Philatelic Study Club.

The Luxembourg checklist con-  
tains useful information concern-  
ing famous personages, artists  
and architectural gems of the  
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all nations background. **FREEDOM OF**  
**RELIGION:** Churches of all faiths.

**FREEDOM FROM WANT:** Desolation.  
**FREEDOM FROM FEAR:** Man on rock  
braving storm-swept raging ocean.  
Each stamp bears the late President  
Roosevelt's portrait in whose honor  
these magnificent bi-colored charity  
stamps were issued in 1947, believe it  
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## PO Robber Makes Problems For Herst

On May 26 an entire pouch of  
registered mail disappeared from  
the Peekskill, N. Y. post office.  
Several weeks later the thief was  
captured and part of the stolen  
matter recovered. The valuable  
portions, however, had been loot-  
ed and discarded.

Included in the missing matter  
are various sendings of stamp  
dealer Herman "Pat" Herst, of  
Shrub Oak, a suburb of Peek-  
skill. Also unaccounted for are  
several checks sent by him to  
customers, and an undetermined  
number of business and personal  
letters.

Any collectors who have not  
received letters from Mr. Herst  
which might logically have been  
in the mails on the date men-  
tioned are requested to send him re-  
sumes of their correspondence.  
Each individual case will then be  
taken up with the Post Office In-  
spectors, so that proper restitu-  
tion on the lost mail (registered  
or insured) can be made.

## Dumont Stamp Club Names Hart President

Kenneth Hart of Maywood, N.  
J. is the new president of the  
Dumont, N. J. Stamp Club. Other  
officers are vice president, Wil-  
liam Plenge; treasurer, William  
Mortensen; recording secretary,  
Mrs. Alice Hoffman; correspond-  
ing secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lin-  
ton Doughty.

Meetings are held the 2nd and  
4th Wednesdays at 8 p. m. in the  
lounge of the Calvary Methodist  
Church, W. Madison and Cooper  
Aves., Dumont, N. J. Visitors and  
new members are always wel-  
come.

## UNOBTAINABLE ELSEWHERE

We pride ourselves in being able to supply numerous  
items in this category. Here are a few examples, many  
others on hand, what do you need?  
Rotary: Belgium 427-429 Imperforates ..... \$139.00  
Same set in Souvenir Sheet ..... 44.00  
Scouts: Cape of Good Hope 178, 179 used ..... 69.00  
Hungary 481-485 Imperforates ..... 79.00  
Olympics: France 1924 Olympic postcard ..... 5.00  
France 817 Imperforate ..... 16.00  
Brussels Fair: France or Morocco, signed  
Artists' proofs, each ..... 22.00  
Nicaragua Souvenir Sheet Imperforate ..... 79.00  
IGY: French Southern & Antarctic Terr.  
Nos. 8-10 Imperfs \$45.00, #10 trial color ..... 16.00  
Antarctica: Same country, 2-7, Cl. 2 Imperfs ..... 64.00  
Stamp Centenary: Chile C166a Souv. Sheet ..... 79.00

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Greetings to all from Turkey and Greece!

## Mint British Colonials GHANA

The 3 values of the Q.E. overprints are in terrific demand. We will deliver our  
orders subject to unsold or refund. We expect that this new price is only a temporary  
situation, as the price must go up further. There do not seem to be stocks either  
abroad or in this country. Agency is completely sold out.

**SHEETS OF 60** ..... \$60.00  
**BLOCKS OF 4** ..... 4.00  
**SINGLE SETS** ..... 1.00  
**INSCRIPTION OR PLATE**  
**BLOCKS OUR CHOICE** ..... 12.00  
On the above we may not have enough.  
**CONTROL BLOCK NOS.** upper right  
hand corner ..... 7.50

**FIRST DAY COVERS**  
Best buy in town! These covers will  
eventually be worth \$3. to \$4. a cover.  
CACHED COVER showing Native  
with talking drums ..... \$ 1.30  
Per 10 covers ..... 12.50

## BROWSING THROUGH

We are in a position to offer the following from our stock of 2 and 2 1/2 of the  
Queen Elizabeth overprints.  
First—we have noticed sheets on the 2 1/2d exist from both plate numbers 1 and  
1A, printed on either white paper or decidedly tannish paper. On the tannish  
paper, the control numbers in the upper R. H. corner have lines drawn through  
them.

On the white paper, and it is a very decided white and looks like a much more  
recent printing, the control numbers are not defaced.  
The difference in the papers to our eye has caused a very decided differential  
in shade.

**WE OFFER THESE AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:**  
Sheets of 60, tannish paper ..... \$3.50  
Single copies ..... .16  
Blocks of 4 ..... .30  
Blocks of 4 with margins ..... .50  
We also offer the 2d value in sheets of 60, with plate numbers 3, 3A and 4.  
The group of 3 different sheets of 60 each @ \$6.00.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO OFFER FIRST DAY COVER OF ACCRA CONFERENCE,  
#21-24, ON BEAUTIFUL COVER, HAVING THE ACTUAL PHOTO OF NKURUMAH  
AND THE DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE STAMPS CANCELLED  
ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE PHOTO.

Limited Supply \$2.00 PER COVER

## AFRICAN CONFERENCE ISSUE OBSOLETE

BUY YOUR SHEETS NOW! PRICES BOUND TO CHANGE.

No. 21-4  
Single Sets ..... \$ .70  
Block of 4 ..... 2.75  
Block of 4 control No. ..... 2.90  
Block of 4 plate No. ..... 6.00  
Insertion block of 10 ..... \$ 7.50  
Sheets of 30, flat mail ..... 30.15  
First Day Cover ..... 1.75

NEW REGISTRY ENVELOPES RECEIVED, PRICE EACH ..... \$ .25

LIMITED AMOUNT OF REGISTRY FIRST DAY COVERS JUST OUT, AT ..... .80

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10 First Day cached covers of Accra Conference set, #21-24; each with different  
TOWN CANCELLATION. All covers have complete sets.  
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Truly this is a most unusual item. Quantity is very small.

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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE RELIEF SURCHARGE

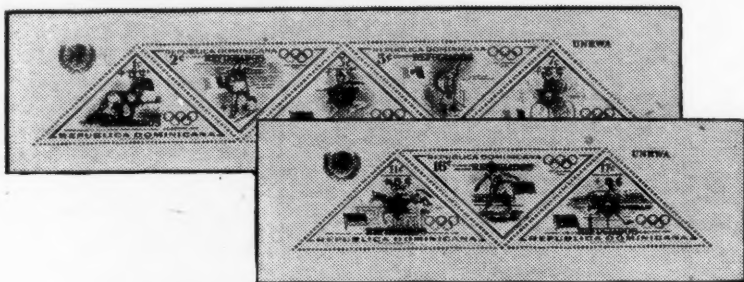
50,000 sets of stamps and 5,000 perf and imperf sets of sheets overprinted with the Red Crescent and Star of David, and +2c and +5c respectively.

The 50,000 sets make only 25,000 sets of (se-tenant) pairs! A limited issue by itself - even without taking into consideration the interesting subject matter, or that it is a UNITED NATIONS issue!

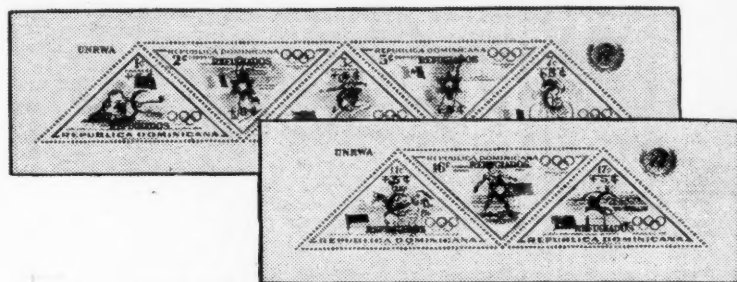
And United Nations collectors around the world will want the imprint corner blocks of four pairs (only 500 sheets of 50 pairs issued) to further reduce the quantity!

The 5,000 sets of souvenir sheets divide down into 2,500 Type A and 2,500 of Type B from a philatelic standpoint! **These beautiful engraved sheets are now the rarest regular United Nations items!** It is hard to predict the price movements of stamps. Some issues climb slowly, some rapidly. But some issues have all the mathematics in their favor! This series is such an issue!

This new U. N. issue looks better than any such issue before! Dealers who are predicting an eventual price in the hundreds are by no means unreasonable! The supply is extremely small. The demand for United Nations issues is international and grows continuously! **WE RECOMMEND PURCHASE AT FIRST PRICES!**



UNITED NATIONS Palestine Relief  
Souvenir Sheets - Type A -  
7 Stars and 3 Crescents,  
each perf and imperf.  
Only 2,500 sets of four exist!



UNITED NATIONS Palestine Relief  
Souvenir Sheets - Type B -  
3 Stars and 7 Crescents,  
each perf and imperf.  
Only 2,500 sets of four exist!



Through the average "casual" world collector may only need the ordinary set in pairs, and a set of sheets, we list in detail the varieties of this recent issue at their first prices. The stamps and sheets are a "must buy" for Airmail, United Nations, and Sport specialists!

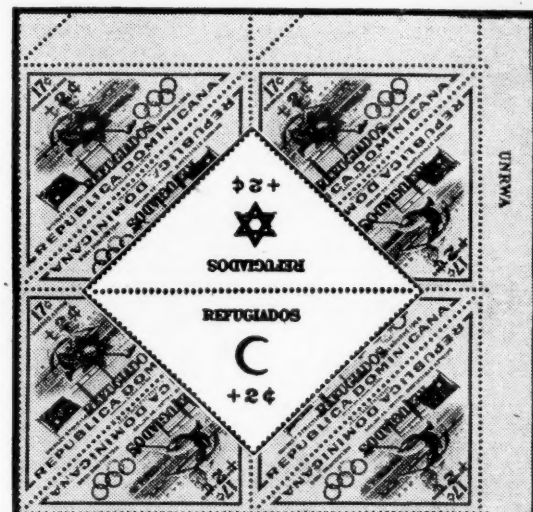
### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

United Nations Palestine Refugee Relief Issue

- 10549 The complete set of eight pairs, containing ten postage and six airmail stamps (only 25,000 sets issued) **2.75**
- 10549B Same on First Day Covers **2.95**
- 10549E The complete set, in eight corner blocks of four pairs, with UNRWA imprint in corner margin **12.50**
- 10550 Beautiful small postage and airmail souvenir sheets, both perforated and imperforate. Type A. The complete set of four. (Only 2,500 exist!) **15.00**
- 10550B Same, on four First Day Covers **16.50**
- 10551 Same, but Type B. The complete set of four sheets (Only 2,500 exist!) **15.00**
- 1055B Same, on four First Day Covers **16.50**

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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.** United Nations Palestine Refugee Relief issue (UNRWA). Five postage and three airmails overprinted "REFUGIADOS" and the symbols of the Red Cross in the area: the Red Crescent and Star of David, alternately placed on the sheet. The complete set of six airmail and ten postage values, in eight se-tenant pairs. Limited multi-colored United Nations issue of only 25,000 pairs!



Sample of the interesting overprint, superimposed over an illustration of one corner block of four (pairs) with United Nations imprint. The stamps were printed in sheets of fifty (pairs), 500 sheets of each denomination. The corner blocks with imprint make a most interesting "extra" item for all United Nations collections.

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**Just arrived!** Vatican City Brussels Sheet and stamps (limited) **\$5.50** sold out first day. Early postmark gets right of way . . . **LAST STOP August 5th.**

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The first Ghanaian commems. — the Black Stars — are now almost unobtainable. The second commems, the Independence Set, is fast following the example of Black Star. Elmont still has a limited quantity, thanks to lucky purchasing, and offers these specials — all mint, all beautiful.

	Singles	Sheets
INDEPENDENCE #17-20	\$1.25	\$38.50 (few)
ACCRA CONFERENCE #21-24	\$ .75	\$22.50 (obsolete)
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These were on an earlier train . . . an express special too!! **UNITED NATIONS #53-4**, the scarce second printing UNEF in complete sheets of 50. The set of two sheets **\$20.00.**

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## The New Dominican Republic Triangles

In making announcement of this new issue of "triangle" stamps the Dominican Republic states that "Responding to an urgent appeal by the United Nations General Assembly for increased contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, the Dominican Republic has overprinted a commemorative issue of stamps with a surtax for the benefit of refugees". It is further stated that 400,000 stamps and 80,000 souvenir sheets have been so overprinted. As we figure this it would appear that there must be but 10,000 sets of the stamps and but 5000 sets of the souvenir sheets. It seems that the surtax on all of the regular postage issue is 2c and that on the souvenir sheets is 5c each stamp. Since there are eight single stamps and since there are two souvenir sheets, one of five and one of three stamps, there are thus eight stamps in the two.



GEORGE W. LINN

However the sheets are overprinted in such manner that there are two different of each, thus you require four to be complete. If the 80,000 stamps and 5000 souvenir sheets figure is correct then there would be but 2500 complete sets of the souvenir sheets and not 5000 sets as stated above.

It will be interesting to find out if this estimate is correct. There can be no censoring of the Dominican Republic for its generosity in offering these items for if our figures are correct their sale will bring a contribution of about \$5600 to the United Nations UNRWA for relief for Palestine refugees. There is another interesting thing about these stamps and that is that they are overprinted with the Star of David and the Red Crescent. These two symbols are equal to the Red Cross here in America.

It is interesting to note that the United Nations contribution to these Palestine Refugees through UNRWA is \$33,000,000 annually of which the United States Contributes 70%. The remaining 30% is made up by other countries outside the Communist countries, for Russia and its satellites contribute not a penny to this fund, so put that in your pipe and smoke it when you think of Russia.

For myself I have been very much interested in these Dominican triangles because I have collected triangle stamps for many years past and I am of the opinion that I perhaps have the finest collection of such stamps in existence. If there are others who are specializing triangles I will always be glad to hear from them and exchange information. This set is the Olympic which was first issued last year and is now overprinted for Palestine relief.

## A Little Of This And A Little Of That

By this time those of you who have taken an interest in the modern Local issues such as those from Pat Herst and Walter Brink and others, will have seen the new issue from Brink which is the same as the last but on yellow-surfaced, gummed paper printed in black and red as was the former issue and of the same general wording and arrangement.

This information is supplied by Mr. Brink and is written about the 10th of June as at this time I am all in a rush getting ready for the annual trip to Sidney. When I get back I will have other information on these interesting Locals and especially on this last issue.

Since I have three or four things to mention that require but a brief statement I will use the rest of the space in short paragraphs and not waste space with headings.

Referring to my editorial in the June 2 issue Rev. Leslie Marshall of Mission Stamp Outlet at St. Petersburg, Fla. sends me a circular which he states is enclosed with each parcel of Mission Mixture that they sell. It is a circular which has a heading, "Don't Throw Away the stamps not wanted in this mixture. Interesting collections can be formed from even the commonest types."

The circular then goes on to point out the interest that can be found in collecting every kind of cancellation, also the stamps with straight edges and guide lines, the Perfins and other things which a real stamp collector readily recognizes. We think this is a splendid idea and that other dealers in mixtures might profit by enclosing a circular calling attention to the different things that can be found in the mixture that can make an interesting side line. If this is done, everyone who interest in this manner will be far more apt to feel that he has gotten his money's worth rather than complain about the lack of material that he could use.

Mr. J. K. Waitt, 111 Woodburn Road, Raleigh, N.C. asks us a question which we can not answer but we are sure that some one of our readers can. It is something that we too are interested in so we print the inquiry here and will appreciate having someone send us the answer.

Mr. Waitt who has been a Certified Professional Engineer for the past 45 years with the S. P. L. R. Co. has now retired as of last April 15 and has become interested in Railroad Cancellations and R.P.O's. He has acquired a cover with the cancel . . . B.G. & M.R.R. . . . It is dated Mar 4, 1870 and has the word "Littleton 148" as part of the marking. Mr. Waitt would like to know the name of the R. R. and its terminal points.

This brings to mind the thought that I too have a number of very nice R. R. Cancels on my 3c 1861 stamps and I too would like to know more about some of them. Therefore is there a list of Rail Roads available, a list going back as far as the early stampless days and running up to modern times. Such a list would be of much interest to many collectors and if available I too should like to know where such a list could be obtained.

## Dear Mr. Ostrow:-

You were given the liberty of expressing your opinion in the VOX-POP letter which was printed in our issue of June 9. Please understand that the remarks regarding ethical dealing were not mine but were a quote from a subscriber and were printed as freely by us as was your letter. We are always ready to print both sides of any matter and I would have been glad to have printed your opinion in my column had you addressed your letter to me and so requested.

SMILEATELICS

Bob Ricker



"Yeah, it is kind of unusual . . . but my first love was stamps!"

## Brazil Commem For Basilica Bicentennial

Brazil issued a 2.50 Cruzeiro blue commemorative in large vertical format on June 21 to note the bicentennial of the Basilica do Bom Jesus do Matosinhos. The Basilica is located in the town of Congonha dos Campos, in the state of Minas Gerais.



The design on the stamp is a large profile of the Biblical prophet Joel, taken from a statue by Antonio Francisco Lisboa, "O Aleijadinho" (the cripple). The sculptor, himself, faced terrific reverses and discouragement, even as had the prophet he depicted.

Up to his 47th year he had enjoyed health and fame, but at that age leprosy attacked him. Not only did the disease disfigure him, it also began destroying his hands and feet.

For the remainder of his life he carried on his art with the aid of a faithful servant who tied his mallet and chisel to the stumps of his arms so that he might work. In spite of his affliction, he lived to the age of 84, leaving many works of beauty and quality.

Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro who supplied the above information advised also that on June 23 an International Congress of Investments was opened at Belo Horizonte. Present were some 800 delegates from many countries, including the United States. A stamp will be issued to commemorate the event, and a second adhesive will follow to note the early July Interparliamentary Congress being held in Rio.

## Fox Valley Reelects 1957 Slate Of Officers

The annual election of officers was held on March 25. All 1957 officers were re-elected for the year of 1958. The officers are president I. J. Frank, vice-presidents Harold J. Smith and Lois Graham, and secretary-treasurer Sumner G. Calvert, 583 Main St., Aurora, Ill.

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July 31 — Airmail 7c, Philadelphia 4, Pa. (100 per pane).  
July 31 — Airmail 7c coll, Miami, Fla.  
July 31 — Airmail 7c booklet, San Antonio, Texas.  
July 31 — Airmail 5c, Colorado Springs, Colo. (100 per pane).  
July 31 — Lincoln 4c coll, Mandan, N. D.  
July 31 — Lincoln 4c booklet, Wheeling, W. Va.  
July 31 — Reply Postal Card 3c+3c, Boise, Idaho.  
July 31 — Franklin Stamped Envelope 4c, Montpelier, Vt.  
July 31 — Airmail Stamped Envelope 7c, Dayton, Ohio.  
July 31 — Airmail Postal Card 5c, Wichita, Kans.  
Aug. 1 — Liberty Postal Card 3c, Philadelphia 4, Pa.  
Aug. 15 — Atlantic Cable 4c, New York 1, N. Y.  
Aug. 27 — Lincoln-Douglas Debate 4c, Freeport, Ill.  
Sept. 19 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty", 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C.  
Sept. 22 — Journalism 4c, Columbia, Mo.  
Oct. 10 — Overland Mail 4c, San Francisco 1, Calif.  
Oct. 16 — Noah Webster 4c, West Hartford, Conn.  
Oct. 27 — Forest Conservation 4c, Tucson, Ariz.  
Nov. 25 — 200th Anniversary of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Dec. 12 — John Jay 15c regular, Washington 13, D. C.  
Details as to denomination, color and stamps will be announced when available.

## ALREADY ISSUED

1100 — Gardening 3c, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15.  
1101 — Liberty 8c "Glori", Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.  
1101 — Brussels Exhibition 3c, Detroit, Mich., April 17.  
1102 — Revere 25c regular, Boston, Mass., April 18.  
1105 — Monroe 3c, Montross, Va., April 28.  
1106 — Minnesota Statehood 3c, St. Paul, Minn., May 11.  
1107 — ICX 3c, Chicago, Ill., May 31.  
1108 — Gunston Hall 3c, Lorton, Va., June 12.  
1109 — Mackinac Bridge 3c, Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, Mich.

## UNITED NATIONS

Sept. 22 — Postal Card 3c.  
Sept. 22 — Embossed Envelope 4c (two sizes). Selling price is 5c each.  
Oct. 24 — United Nations Day 4c and 8c.  
Oct. 24 — 4c Regular.  
Dec. 10 — Human Rights Day 4c and 8c.

## CANADA

July 30 — National Health 5c (100 per pane, 25 million).  
Aug. 4 — Oil Centennial 5c.  
Sept. 10 — 1st Elected Assembly 5c.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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## CARL P. RUETH

The announced rate increases have brought on a number of questions. Most of them have been answered via the various articles about the new stamps and stationery printed in this paper. There should be no trouble about getting first day covers of any of the items since steps were clearly defined in all cases. Since there was no mention of increases in certified mail, registration, special delivery and foreign mail, it is unlikely that we will have any in those categories in the immediate future. The first three mentioned have been boosted a couple of times since the last regular postage up-pings, and I hope sufficient to cover those services for some time to come.

The United States fee for registration has always been on the ridiculous side when compared to the rates other nations have. The foreigners give the same kind of protection we do and are able to do it in most instances at one half the rate.

Don't forget to lay in a batch of the United States Flag 4c stamp for use on your philatelic mail, especially abroad.

1. A 1948 commem picture the founder of the American Red Cross Society. Who is it?
2. The George Washington Carver of 1948 was issued on what anniversary of his death?

"I have recently started collecting U.S. plate blocks as I have several sources for these," writes a retired railroad officer. "Do you consider this a fairly safe investment for someone in a modest financial situation? Also, what would be your advice as to mint sheets versus plate blocks?"

There is only one answer you will get from this column regarding stamps for investment — DON'T.

I always get a fair quantity of letters written with some heat by those who do such buying, but I have them dead to rights in the end — when they try to sell their hoard for more than face. Most of the time they have to take a discount from face. Then they scream to high heaven about the insufferable way the hobby has treated them.

The hobby is fine as long as you use it as a hobby and a source of recreation and pleasure. When you invest, or think you are investing, then you are completely out and away from stamp collecting and all it covers.

Take my advice, buy bonds, or put your money in the bank. Let the dealers do the buying and selling. Like any merchant, if they make a profit through an efficient operation, then they deserve to have it. Don't forget, they also take losses now and again, too — even the best of them.

The Fresno, Calif. Stamp Club has a bulletin. In the June edition was this tidbit, author unknown, under the title, "Confucius Say" —

"We say all stamp collectors crazy. Wash hand very carefully so won't get stamp dirty, then pick up tweezers and never touch stamp. Pay \$27 for album, \$11 for catalog, \$3 for supplement and \$5 for supplies, but won't buy stamp 'cause cost too much. Put stamp in album, then sit 43 seconds for hinge to dry so can move to other place. Sort stamps one night, soak other night, catalog next night, cuss fourth night 'cause pay too much, read auction book fifth night so can do same next week. Work hard all day so can stay up all night. Won't collect TB stamps and won't go outside, sure to catch TB, and heck from wife soon."

Another letter on a recurrently interesting subject.

"A few weeks ago I read that the 8c Bolivar was to have more than the usual number of stamps per sheet. Now I see that it is going to have 72.

"I wrote Mr. Summerfield (the PMG) stating my objections to such a large number of stamps on the sheet. As far as the Mag-saysay is concerned, I need 17 plate blocks, one for my collection, and the other 16 for the round robin. It took me about 9½ months to use the stamps.

"As a working man with a fair salary I cannot afford to pay 85c to \$1 for a plate from a dealer.

Now mind you, sir, the dealer's price is fair considering that quite often he has lots of 'scrap' stamps on hand. But 72 stamps! "I have written to Mr. Summerfield and told him that it was unfair, but it seems that it is not going to do much good. Does the post office some times go out of its way to make things difficult for people?"

I know what 95% of you would say to this person, "For Pete's sake if you can't afford the things you think you have to have, then curb your appetite to the size of your pocketbook."

That, of course is the only answer. The Post Office Department hasn't had a punishable by death law passed that every one interested in stamps has to collect so many of this and in such a way. Blaming PMG Summerfield for personal bad judgment is on the outlandish side.

I can sympathize with this collector in the strain on the pocketbook and the desire to have certain things. But then a lot of folks would like to have a Lincoln or Cadillac and have to settle for a Plymouth or Willys jeep.

Never let your imagination or appetite get you in over your head in anything, including the philatelic.

In spite of the many times it has been mentioned here, each week brings in requests on the same subject — the matter of Missing Perfs.

Wish I had a dollar for every one of them! The requests — not the missing perfs!

Perforations are the little round holes found between stamps so that they can be torn apart easily. The number of such holes per 2 centimeters determines the gauge. This gauge has varied between issues of stamps, and also varies among the nations of the world.

When one of the little round pieces of paper clings in a hole that does not constitute a variety.

When one or more do not have the paper punched out, showing only the imprint of the punch, this is still nothing worth more than face.

If the perfs are missing between several holes, this is still face value stuff.

But, when all perforations are missing between stamps which should have them, or only one or two are punched through, then you have something which is worth extra money.

It's nice to look for and have varieties. However, don't get carried away with inconsequential. A little good sense and imagination provides answers.

1. Clara Barton.
2. Fifth.

New Tatham Catalog  
Offers Wide Variety

"It's free on request," is the introductory statement of the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co., Springfield 18, Mass. as the firm offers its brand-new annual catalog No. 19 to the stamp collecting fraternity.

The new booklet contains 100 pages of offers of a myriad of both the orthodox and the unusual in the philatelic lines — stamps, albums, accessories, topical matter, and an interesting variety of "related material".

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The catalog has 400 illustrations for its 2000 listings. A further — and for the beginner, a very useful — feature is an inserted 7-page stamp glossary and identifier. Interested collectors may write the publishers at the address given for their free copies.

Baltimore Collectors  
Announce '58 Officers

The Collectors Club of Baltimore, Md. has elected Col. Charles Noon president for 1958, and with him Edwin Altriet, vice president; Mrs. Robert Lloyd, treasurer, and Martha Evans, secretary.

The club, organized in 1939, sponsors a junior stamp unit in addition to conducting a very active adult group. The high point of the entire 18 years to date was the sponsoring last year of the first international exhibition of postal stationery, "POST-TEX".

The group meets on first Tuesdays at 2304 Forest Park Ave., Baltimore, Md., and invites the attendance of all stamp fans in the section.

APS Guards Against  
Misuse Of Its Name

The American Philatelic Society has warned against the use in advertising matter of an APS membership number without the member's name. Joseph M. Clary, chairman of the APS board of vice presidents, writes in the June issue of the "American Philatelist" that "it is not possible for any commercial organization, as such, to join the APS."

Clary gives this example: "When the 'XYZ Sales and Exchange Club' has the letters 'APS' followed by a number, printed on its literature, it is definitely a misuse of the number, for there is no evidence that the owner of that number is directly active in that business.

"Several instances have come to light," he continued, "where auction houses have advertised themselves as members of the APS where only one member of the firm had any connection with the Society, and he was not active in the firm but merely a figurehead. . .

"This circumvents the protection to members which the APS number is supposed to afford. The same applies to dealers who have gained membership and then set up a number of branch stores under different names and claim APS membership for each one."

Clary concludes by giving notice to "all who are thus perverting the use of their membership numbers to cease and desist at once." The APS, he says, wishes to eliminate "every possible condition where the membership number could be used as a personal cover-up or come-on and where unethical actions could be hidden behind a name that does not appear in the APS directory."

APS members often use the membership numbers as a reference in credit relations with dealers and to insure prompt shipment of goods paid for by check. Details on membership in the Society may be obtained from the executive secretary, Box 800, State College, Pa.

Fiesta Cancellation In  
Use At Santa Barbara

The Santa Barbara, Calif. "Fiesta Days" celebration of August 13-17 is being publicized by a special slogan cancellation. Beginning July 1 and extending through August 17, the slogan "SANTA BARBARA / FIESTA DAYS / AUGUST 13-17" will be applied to all first-class mail originating in the city.

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"The Haworth Jr. Stamp Club, Haworth, N. J. is sponsoring a special cachet for the last day of the following four UN items:

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- 4c Airmail Postcard Stamp
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- 3c Regular Envelope

Each of these items, states a spokesman for the club, has seen very limited postal use and is comparatively rare used at the still current rates. Added to this fact, the last day of use of the items would make an interesting addition to any collection.

Any single card or envelope is 10c; the set of all four, 35c, if ordered before July 31 from the Haworth Jr. Stamp Club, Haworth, N. J.

Purchasers should remit in coin or money order, and NOT in stamps. Proceeds from the endeavor will be devoted to expanding the fall program of the group.

## San Antonio Stammers To Try Summer Philately

According to the current issue of "The Philatex", bulletin of the San Antonio, Texas Philatelic Assn., that group plans to follow the pattern set by various other stamp organizations and carry right through the summer months with regular meetings.

The club accordingly suggests that any out of town collectors who expect to be in the San Antonio area during the summer plan on a possible visit. The group meets every Friday evening in the Witte Museum in the Texas city.

## VOX POP

Linn's Weekly Stamp News  
Sidney, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On page 10 of your June 30 issue you carried an article headed "Specimen Stationery Might Be Phony". The article does not contain the name of the writer, so he could not be contacted. May I inform you about the TRUE story of these so-called "SPECIMEN" UN stationery items.

Dennison & Sons, New York, who print several kinds of postal stationery for the United Nations Postal Administration also print similar items, securities and bonds for several foreign governments. As samples of their workmanship, they submit copies of any items they see fit, punched "Dennison & Sons, New York".

Such material is not a specimen in the philatelic sense; they are just manufacturer's specimens, or samples. In the case at hand, the UN Postal Administration has never had any of these; in fact, it had nothing to do with them whatsoever.

It naturally can not be avoided that copies of these "samples" fall into collectors' hands. It was not intended that way, and it is the same regarding other other specimens and proofs as well as those UPU collections which never were available to the general public, yet ultimately land in some collection.

Due to the deluge of inquiries and letters received by both the UN and Dennison & Sons, the UN requested the latter firm NOT to use UN stationery any more for advertising purposes. This request has been strictly adhered to ever since.

The quantities issued have been very small and, to dissolve any doubt that they could be produced "by favor", it must be stated that this type of production is supervised and strictly controlled by the Dennison firm. This is a concern of established reputation, and it seems impossible that any outsider would succeed in obtaining such "specimens".

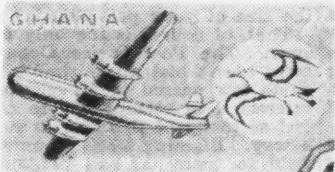
All the copies this writer has seen bear the guaranty mark of F.W. Kessler, New York airmail specialist of the highest standing, and in the writer's opinion the only thing collectors should be wary of is such "specimen" material without his guaranty marking.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. E. Lewandowski

## Ghana Lists Airs And 4 Overprints

July 14 is given as the day of issue of a set of four commemorations to honor the inauguration of the new transportation venture of the Republic of Ghana, The Ghana Airways. Just as the new nation hit world headlines with the inauguration of her Black Star Line of ocean vessels, she is now expanding into air transport.



The new set will consist of four values: 2½d, bird soaring over globe; 1/3, head-on view of four-motor Britannia transport; 2/-, view from beneath of Strato-cruiser and a gull; and 2/6, soaring eagle and jet. The four were designed respectively by Michael Goaman, London; Maj. R. Milton, Accra; Willie W. Wind, Chicago; and Mr. Goaman.

Printing is by Harrison & Sons, Ltd., London, in sheets of 30 with marginal inscriptions, plate numbers, control numbers, and watermark. The quartet will remain on sale for 90 days.



Four days later, July 18, the Nkrumah overprints on Scott Nos. 1-4 will be released to mark the Prime Minister's visit to the U. S. and Canada. Values will remain the same as the original issues: 2d, 2½d, 4d, and 1/3.

## Grains And Fruit On Israel's Festivals

The 1958 Festival set of four, to be released later in the year by Israel, will feature products of the soil, according to information supplied by the Israel Philatelic Agency, New York.



At the moment no details as to colors, editions and date of issue have been released, but advance photos indicate that two grains will be featured on the 50 and 60 pruta values, with a bunch of grapes on the 160p. and figs on the high value 300p.

The Festival issues appear annually in the restored nation to mark the high holy days observances.

They will remain on sale during the period of Nkrumah's visit to this continent, about three weeks.

First Day covers with multi-colored cachets will be available, complete with New York back-stamps applied upon arrival in this country. Similarly, such FDC's will be offered of the "Airways" set, with perhaps a limited quantity of first flight Accra-London covers. Collectors should make inquiries of their dealers; the Agency handles wholesale accounts only.

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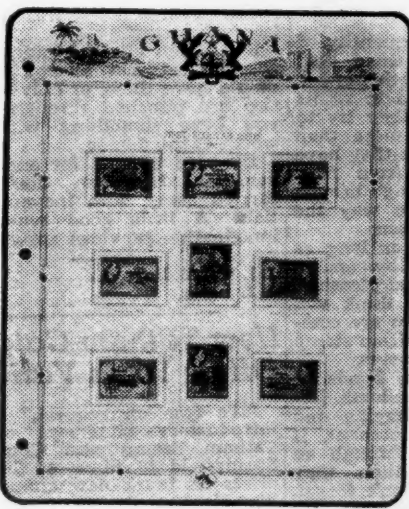
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## The Philatelic Middle East

by Bruce Conde

### New Lebanese Definitive Design

In its usual piecemeal fashion of releasing most needed values of new definitive sets well in advance of release of the complete set, the Republic of Lebanon's Post Office Department has allowed the 12½ piaster blue regular first-class letter rate stamp of what appears to be a definitive set in an entirely new design, to appear in Beirut Post Office stocks.



The new design is a vast improvement over the previous "Arab Bridge" and Litani Canal standbys. These were merely resurrected and relettered to supply regular stamp needs for the past few years, when the department's budget for stamp designing was apparently taken up with Baalbek Festival, Kings and Presidents, and Arab Games commemoratives.

The new stamps are vertically arranged and feature silhouettes of a worker wielding a pick and of a figure in the background holding aloft the Torch of Liberty. To the left, about a third of the stamp is taken up by a vertical panel of Greco-Roman fretwork design such as is found on the great temples at Baalbek.

The simplified country name "Lubnan" instead of the former "al-Jumhuriyat al-Lubnaniyat" ("Lebanese Republic") appears at the top in large, clear Arabic letters and at the bottom in equally striking foreign ones, as "Liban". The Arabic value takes up a small panel to the left of the top inscription and the foreign equivalent is at the bottom, both with the postal inscription. In the lower margin is the imprint of Beirut's Saikali Press.

As it is customary to issue values below 7½pi. in small "presidential size" format featuring the cedar tree, and as values above 25pi. are usually in a different design, two more will probably be forthcoming.

### Lawyers' Stamps Speculation Scandal

Mr. "X" of Damascus, at the head of a clique of "easy money" so-called "dealers" like himself, attempted to corner the recent Arab Lawyers' Conference commemoratives of Syria and to deny them to their Lebanese colleagues, in an effort to inflate the price artificially.

Lebanese Stamp Dealers' Assn. executive secretary Farah G. Farah, however, was successful in making representations to the Syrian Post Office Department and in securing from 50 to 100 complete sets for each Lebanese dealer at face. This brought the price tumbling down immediately and left Mr. "X" and company overstocked with goods they could not unload at the inflated prices they had devised.

More power to the N.L.T.P. (Negociants Libanais en Timbres-Poste)!

### No Yemen Booklets

In answer to a query by Harry Moskovitz, treasurer of the Booklet Pane Society, I must report that there have never been any Yemen stamp booklets, nor does it look as if there will be any need for such items in the foreseeable future. The reason is that stamps are not normally sold to the public in Yemen.

Letters are handed in with cash for prepayment of postage at the post office window and are thrown into a drawer unstamped. When the mail is about to leave, the clerks pull out the unstamped covers and the corresponding cash, buy the requisite number of stamps from the postmaster for the cash, and affix them en-masse. This leaves no necessity for anyone to keep or carry around booklets of stamps in this country.

Quantities Of Recent Egyptian Commemoratives

Through the courtesy of Egypt-

tian and Lebanese dealers An-houry and Farah, figures for the recent issues of Egypt's commemorative stamps are presented below. It was previously thought that virtually all of the Nile republic's commems were printed by the millions, but the official post office computations secured by the dealers show that only two (the Evacuation of Port Said and the National Assembly stamps) topped the million mark:

1956 — 10mils Museum, 273,350; 1957 — 10m. Evacuation of Port Said, 1,073,000; 10m. Railway, 541,500; 10m. Mothers Day, 512,950; 10m. Rosetta, 510,000; 100m. Reopening of Suez, 250,000; 10m. al-Azhar University, 533,450; 15m. same, 498,900; 20m. same, 304,150; 10m. Return of Gaza, 515,500; same, o/p "Palestine", 267,050; 10m. New Shepard Hotel, 500,000; 10m. National Assembly, 2,000,000.

### Mixed Franking With Aden, States And Somali Stamps

Dr. Allan Hauck, of Postal Reply Coupon fame, also collects commemoratives on cover. In ordering coronation stamps of Aden in multiples to frank a registered cover, he was agreeably surprised to find that not only had the Aden G.P.O. affixed Aden Crown Colony coronation stamps but also those of the two states of Kathiri and Qu'aiti in Hadhramaut AND that of the nearby British Protectorate in Somaliland.

As Somali stamps do not have franking power in the Aden and states area (which has its own local postal union), it is presumed that a shipment of coronation stamps to British Somaliland via Aden got mixed in with the Aden

stock. The Somali variety is in exactly the same colors as the Aden Crown Colony and Kathiri State of Seiyun varieties (green and black) and, of course in the same design. As there is no Arabic lettering on any of these stamps it is entirely possible that the Arab clerks at the Aden GPO did not readily distinguish the difference in the English lettering.

### Arab Postal Union Reply Coupons

When the Arab Postal Union was formed a few years back, Dr. Hauck queried this column regarding the possibility of an APU reply coupon, but was told that the Union lacked the authority to issue stamps or postal paper, that privilege being retained by the member states.

Subsequently, however, the Union Congress decided to issue uniform stamps and reply coupons through the member states, with only the country designation and type of currency different. Dr. Hauck has been able to verify that Syria, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon have just issued reply coupons and that Sudan has them on order. Jordan, Iraq, Libya and Egypt had already produced them.

This leaves only Yemen (which has not yet ratified the APU Convention) without uniform APU reply coupons. Once Yemen has ratified the convention and issued its APU set and coupons, the series will be complete pending Tunisia's, Algeria's and Morocco's joining the Arab League in the west and Kuwait's, Bahrain's, Qatar's and the Oman area's joining in the east.

As most of these Arab states are still under foreign colonial domination, and as Morocco and

Tunisia seem to prefer to wait until they can form a North African Arab regional federation with Algeria, which is not yet free, it is not likely that there will be any significant extension of the Arab Postal Union in the foreseeable future.

### Libyan New Issues

J. Raymond Gaiser of Iron River, Mich. calls attention to the fact that certain Middle East postal administrations, like Libya and Somalia, do not always release philatelic publicity about ordinary issues, and that one must have a philatelic friend on the spot to be sure of keeping new issues complete.

In some cases certain items appear even to have escaped the eagle eye of Scott Publications. One of these was the 5 mils on 4m. provisional on the King Idris definitive series of the U. K. of Libya. Mr. Gaiser has this stamp canceled as early as August 30, 1955. It is listed in the Sassone specialized catalog as No. 52 at 30 Lire mint or used, but has not yet been picked up by Scott.

Another feature of the Libyan postal administration is that it will not cancel items to order or apply favor cancels. This makes it difficult to get postally used high values in good condition. Again, the solution seems to be to hunt up a philatelic pen pal in Benghazi or Tripoli, or to get a service friend in the American Air Force Base at Wheelus Field in the North African Arab kingdom.

### No Ethiopia - Yemen First Flights Yet

It seems that when the Ethiopian Air Lines (American operated) followed the Saudi Airlines (also American operated) in get-

ting a concession to make regular flights to Yemen, there were some tentative arrangements to carry first flight covers.

It turned out, however, that when the first scheduled flights were inaugurated in September of 1957, no arrangements to carry the 'mail had been made with either government. This applied although the Yemeni Post Office, due to the unsatisfactory nature of the Jeddah airmail, was seriously interested in negotiating a mail contract with Ethiopia.

Collectors who had sent money to the EAL head office in Addis Ababa, were given, instead, an accumulation of Yemeni mint stamps available in September in the Taiz Post Office, to the amount they had forwarded. It was fortunate that at the time Taiz had in stock the 1947 French printed first airmail stamp of Yemen (C-1) and other obsolete items of high catalog value.

Subsequently, Postal Advisor Kablawy went to Addis Ababa and laid the groundwork for a shift of the Yemen airmail to the outside world from the Saudi to the Ethiopian airline. The trouble with Jeddah is that the postal authorities often hold Yemen-Beirut registered airmail two or three weeks before processing it, so that it takes five or six times as long for a letter to cross little Arabia as it does to cross the remaining distance of a continent and an ocean to reach the United States.

(Questions of general interest on Middle East philately addressed to Bruce Conde, Taiz, Yemen, will be answered through this column, but the writer can not undertake additional direct correspondence at this time. Philatelic service requests will be passed on to reputable Middle East dealers.)

# FIRST DAY COVERS for NEW ISSUES



New postage rates go into effect August 1, 1958. Six new stamps will be issued on July 31, 1958. Four new issues of postal stationery will be issued on July 31, 1958, and another on August 1.

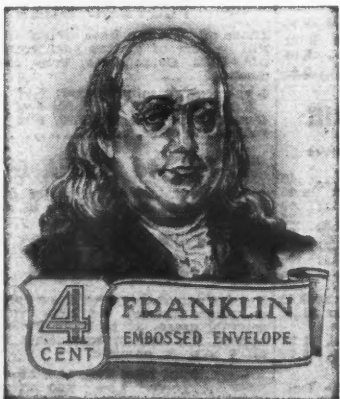
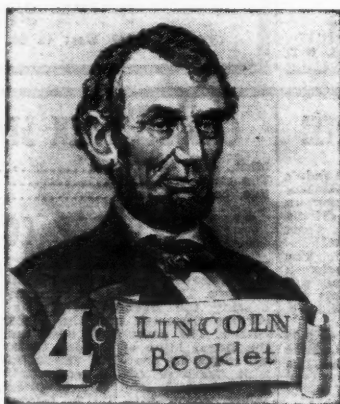
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- 4c Lincoln Coil (July 31)  
Mandan, North Dakota
- 4c Lincoln Booklet (July 31)  
Wheeling, W. Va.

### NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

- 4c Envelope (July 31)  
Montpelier, Vermont
- 5c Air Reply Card (July 31)  
Wichita, Kansas
- 6c Reply Postal Card (July 31)  
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One more reason postally used material from the Gilbert & Ellice Islands can never be plentiful is that surface mails from the Colony, other than from Ocean Island, are irregular. The usual routes are:

(a) from the Gilbert, Ellice and Phoenix Islands via Tarawa to Ocean Island and thence Australia, with a less frequent service from Ocean Island to New Zealand.

(b) from the Line Islands via Hawaii or Canada.

Direct mails are also exchanged as opportunity permits between Fiji and Tarawa, and mails to the United Kingdom are despatched by every vessel carrying copra there from Tarawa.

The normal international postal service to the Gilbert, Ellice and Phoenix Islands is via Melbourne, Australia, to Ocean Island and Tarawa and for the Line Islands via Sydney, Australia, and Fiji. A direct air service operates only to and from Canton Island in the Phoenix Group but occasionally airmails are conveyed between Fiji and Tarawa by courtesy of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

It is unlikely that our readers will ever be fortunate enough to stumble across any of the special seapost cancellations which were used on the fleet of specially constructed ships which carried the phosphate from Ocean and Nauru Islands since the 1930's, but these are definitely worth watching for.

These vessels are operated by the British Phosphate Commissioners, one Briton, one Australian and one New Zealander. Their names always start with "Tri" for "Tricalcic": "Triona", "Triadic", "Triaster" and "Trienza". Their markings have been observed on covers franked with both Gilberts and Australian stamps, normally with paquebot mark in addition.

Incidentally, in a little-known, but highly important engagement, two German surface raiders sank the three first-named unarmed freighters off the Gilberts during a gale in December of 1940. Three new ships perpetuating the names of the sunken vessels have been put into service since World War II. They are again using distinctive postmarks, however, of different styles and sizes.

The Colony is one of the territories under the jurisdiction of the high commissioner for the Western Pacific whose headquarters are at Honiara in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Until 1952 the governor of Fiji was conjointly high commissioner with both his headquarters in Fiji.

In 1952 the posts were separated and the first high commissioner per se to be appointed established his own headquarters at Honiara at the end of 1952.

The colony is divided into five districts: Ocean Island, Gilbert Islands, Ellice Islands, Phoenix Islands, and Line Islands, each under the supervision of a district officer. Although the population of the colony is small, the islands cover a vast area of the Pacific Ocean and this tends to make distance and isolation, rather than population, the major factor in administrative organization.

The Line Islands District has had its headquarters at Christmas Island since 1952. Before that the headquarters used to be at Fanning Island, which is a relay station on the trans-Pacific cable from Canada to Fiji, and like Washington and Christmas Islands, a copra plantation.

A district office remains at Fanning Island, to provide postal, wireless and other Governmental services, but the district officer resides at Christmas Island. At present he also manages the plantation, owned and operated by the government, in addition to his administrative duties.

Canton Island has an international airport controlled by the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the U. S. Government. It is the headquarters of the district officer, Phoenix Islands District, who is also the British representative in the joint Anglo-American administration of Canton and Enderbury Islands.

There are also three inhabited islands under the district officer's supervision; they were settled just before the outbreak of the

second World War.

On all 16 islands of the Gilbert Group, on eight of the Ellice Islands, and on the three inhabited Phoenix Islands local governments are established. These local or native governments, as they are officially called, exercise fairly wide control of the day-to-day affairs of their islands.

At the head of each native government is the magistrate, an islander selected and appointed by the district officer, who combines executive and judicial authority.

In the former capacity he is the central government's representative on the island, responsible for the local administration, and is the chairman of the Island Council on which there is now a freely-elected majority. In the latter capacity he is the magistrate of the native court, in which verdicts are decided by a panel of assessors who are local citizens of good repute.

The dreamers amongst us will take heart in knowing that there are still some idyllic South Pacific islands, which, with a little persistency and some spare cash, can surely be purchased and turned into a private "Robinson Crusoe" paradise. Some of these islands are part of the Central and Southern Line Islands, which, in turn, are part of the Gilbert & Ellice group.

Malden Island was discovered by Lord Byron, Captain of H.M.S. "Blonde," in 1825, after conveying the remains of the King and Queen of the Sandwich Islands back to Honolulu from England. It was named Malden's Island after his surveying officer.

At the time of its discovery about forty stone archaeological ruins were found on the island and it has been established by Emory in 1924 that the pre-European population of the island (traditionally from Manihiki) was probably between one and two hundred. The guano deposits on Malden were licensed to and worked by British subjects from 1864 to 1927. It now remains unoccupied.

Starbuck Island was discovered in 1823 by Capt. Starbuck, of the whaler "L'Aigle" owned by a London company, while carrying the King of the Sandwich Islands to England.

It was first worked for guano by a British company during the eighteen-sixties. Attempts to plant coconuts on the island failed and since 1920 it has been unoccupied and unworked.

Caroline Island was discovered in 1795 by Capt. W. R. Broughton of H.M. Sloop "Providence", and it has been worked by various British companies since 1846. Although apparently uninhabited when sighted by Capt. Broughton, there was evidence of habitation by Polynesians in the past and coconuts were already growing on the island, which is more fertile than the others here referred to. It is now leased, with Flint, to M. P. A. Bambridge, of Tahiti.

Vostock Island was discovered by Capt. von Bellingshausen, the Russian explorer, during his expedition to the South Pacific and Antarctic in 1820, and named after his ship, H.I.R.M.S. "Vo-



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stock".

It has been worked under license sporadically by British companies for guano and copra since 1873. It is now unoccupied and unworked.

Flint Island was discovered in 1801 but continued search has failed to elicit the name or nationality of the discoverer. Since 1872 it has been worked for guano and copra, with interruptions, by various British companies under license issued formerly by the British government and latterly by the high commissioner. In 1951 it was leased to M. P. A. Bambridge.

To the average, non-specializing collector, a complete mint collection of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands offers by no means an insurmountable project from either the point of view of availability of the stamps or because of their cost.

In addition to the "omnibus" issues common to all Crown Colonies (the Silver Jubilee, KGV Coronation, Peace & Victory, Silver Wedding, UPU and QEII Coronation issues), there are actually only eight issues:

One set of provisionals on Fijian KEVII stamps.

The four Pandanus Pine pictorials.

Two small non-pictorial KGV issues.

One KGV and one QEII pictorial set of identical design except for the medallions.

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Here is one of the 100 cacheted first day covers of Yemen's Arab Postal Union set of February 2. In spite of a two-day error in the dates, it represents Yemen's first and only cacheted FDC. The stamps themselves, if not the actual covers, were carried by camel mail, arriving by this means from Sana'a the night before the first day in Taiz.

## Yemen's 1st Cacheted FDC Has Error, Camel, Villain

Bruce Conde

It now appears that in addition to the hitherto reported 16 first day covers of Yemen's Arab Postal Union set of last February 2nd, 100 additional complete sets were cancelled on first day covers and laid aside for the subsequent application of an attractive red cachet to commemorate the event. Farah G. Farah, of Middle East Philately, is the enterprising originator of the cacheted covers, one of which is illustrated here.

All of this batch contain the two low values of the set (4 and 6 bogash) superimposed above the 16 bogash high value. The three of them are tied with a single strike of the Taiz datestamp, on which a little repair work appears to have been done prior to the cancelling of these 100 envelopes. At any rate, there is little or no evidence of the smearing which most of the other covers cancelled that day received.

The red cachet, which occupies the left one third of the face of each FDC, was designed by veteran Lebanese stamp designer Koroleff. It depicts a camel postman either receiving or delivering a letter. Above the camel and rider is the inscription: "Yemen / Mail By Camel" and below it is the FDC text, reading: "Arab Postal Union / First Day of Issue", followed by the dates: "18 Kanoun Thani 1373" (the Yemen Post Office's "Maliya" or Turkish sun calendar system of reckoning) and "31 January 1958".

This latter date represents exactly the Christian equivalent of 18 Kanoun Thani, 1373, but someone evidently failed to tell the producer and designer that Taiz' dateline for this first day of issue was two days behind the times due to a defect in the date wheel which was not fixed until several days after this event!

Thus, although the cancel technically reads "31 January, 1958" in translated form, it was definitely applied on February 2, 1958, which was the official first day of issue. This means that both the Yemen and Christian dates expressed on the cachet are two days prior to the actual date of the first day of issue.

On the original 16 FDC's, the correct Christian date of February 2, 1958 was typed near the (usually illegible) first day cancel, although it did not correspond to the actual date used on the handstamp. Thus, all FDC's of Yemen's current APU set have some sort of defect on them; if you see one which is ostensibly letter-perfect it is a fake!

How close do these come to being camel mail covers? Well, the envelopes were not carried by camel, but the stamps were! All 1000 sets allocated to the Taiz Post Office by the Ministry of Communications at Sana'a were transported to Taiz by camel mail in the January 30-February 1 mail shipment, so that at least the stamps themselves used on these covers were being bounced along the mountain road between Sana'a and Taiz on January 31, the date expressed on the cachet.

At the time I wrote up the story of the first day of issue (which appeared as the headline story of the April 14 issue of Linn's), I was unaware of the fact that there was almost no first day of issue at all, and that there really should have been none of these FDC's whatsoever.

It developed later that the official to whom the packets of 1,000 complete sets were addressed, was intending to keep their receipt secret for the time being. He planned to send as many as he could afford to purchase privately, to Mr. "X" in Damascus, and give the notorious Middle East speculator another month or two of monopolistic control of the issue on the world stamp market, for the purpose of price fixing and excessive initial profits.

But the camel postman was an old friend of mine. I had photographed one of his mail runs—also illustrated in Linn's—and he happened to deliver the packets to the official in my presence. This man knew that I could read the Arabic inventory on the envelopes, so the cat was out of the bag.

With feigned enthusiasm the old rascal informed me that the APU's first day of issue would be the next morning. He eventually bought 500 sets for Mr. "X", in addition to the 2500 advance-of-issue sets turned over to the latter secretly about a month earlier.

But he was unable to prevent me from securing 200 for a bona-fide Beirut dealer. He was also unable to prevent Mr. Farah from getting 100 for his FDC's and 100 for mint set sales. This broke the monopoly, and since then the APU's have reached all Yemen post offices and superseded all earlier issues as the only stamps valid for prepayment of postage here today.

This is some of the fascinating story which lies behind Yemen's first cacheted FDC!

## Notes From The Italian Area

Pierson Ostrow

It may be a little too early to be accurate, but this writer is predicting a stamp - or, more probably, a set of stamps - in 1961 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy. It was in late 1860 that Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, hitherto King of Sardinia met - and passed by - Giuseppe Garibaldi, outside Naples.

Garibaldi took his dismissal from that meeting; the King of Sardinia absorbed into his own army a portion of Garibaldi's heroic band of patriots and pro-

ceeded to "make" the Kingdom of Italy. The last great celebration of these events was in 1910-11. It resulted in two sets of commemorative stamps, Scott's Nos. 115-118 and 119-122.

Already preparations are being made in Italy for the centenary, which will have its focus in Turin, the original capital of Italy. One of the great patrons of the celebration is the Turin Savings Bank, which has contributed an initial sum of 100 million lire (about \$160,000) from its 1957 profits.

We are reminded of a stamp already issued (Italy No. 709, which honors the 50th Anniversary of the Simplon Tunnel) by a news item recording the signing of a contract for a new tunnel. This one will go through tower-

ing Mont Blanc. The work on the Italian side of the great mountain has been given to Condotte d'Acqua S.P.A. It is to be completed within 29 months of signature, that is, before October 14, 1960. The tunnel is to be 11,700 meters long and 7 meters wide. One estimate places the cost at "about 12 billion lire. 5.5 billions of this sum will be contributed by Italy, half a billion by the Swiss City and Canton of Geneva and 5 billions by France.

Due any day are four stamps from Vatican, in honor of the same Canova who was similarly remembered by Italy last year. Denominations will be 10, 15, 35 and 60 lire. Vignettes will depict four Popes, from works by Canova.

New from San Marino are two "trypitich" airmails, in denominations of 200 and 300 lire. Expected is a set featuring agricultural produce.

The Mohammedan mosques depicted on the recent Somalia sports set have been identified by "Le Vie d'Italia", Italy's magazine of "tourism". According to Le Vie, the 5c shows the mosque of Hamar Geb-Geb; 60c, Arba Rucun; 1.50S, the Pakistani Mosque. The 10c shows the Tower of Mnara.

"Il Collezionista" predicts that Italy's high value definitives, the 100 Lira and 200L, "Siracusana" and the 500L, and 1000L, St. George, may be reissued in small format. This will be a real pain in the pocketbook for collectors. It could also mean that the current stamps will have had a very short life and might turn out to be very good property. Collectors would be well advised to add these to their collections while they are still current.

The same "Il Collezionista" reports that the 1958 "Europa" set will go on sale September 13. The design this year is by a Dutch artist, A. v.d. Vossen. It features a dove in addition to the traditional letter "E" (for "Europa"). The identical design will be used on stamps to be issued by all six "Little Europe" countries — France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, West Germany, and Italy.

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The auction and stamp business of the late Joe Rasdale will be continued by members of his family — Mrs. Rasdale, and sons

Joseph R. and James V. Former clients of Mr. Rasdale are invited to watch again for the firm's offers in various publications. Auctions will constitute a large part of the business as before, mostly mail sales.

It is rare that a price list is issued covering a single colonial possession, "but Pierson Ostrow, specialist in Italy and Colonies, has just published such an item. Limited to Italian Somaliland, it covers all issues from the first (October 1903) to date. Listed also are many pertinent facts. A copy is 10c, from Mr. Ostrow, Box 57, Burlington, Vt.

George H. Goldey, Sr., specialist in Eisenhower material, P. O. Drawer 577, Clinton, Texas reports two errors in his June 30 ad. The Eisenhower 1958 birthday set of covers is 60c instead

of the slightly lower figure quoted; on the other hand, the Colombia IGY set, mint was quoted too high. Collectors should inquire for his special price on this issue.

The July issue of the R. G. Provost Co. "Bargain Counter" monthly brokerage bulletin contains many interesting offers of attractive material for the volume buyer or investor who spends as much as \$10 at a time. Three months "sample" subscription is free for postage (9c ordinary, 18c airmail) from the company at Box 398, Schenectady, N. Y.

A new angle in cachets is offered by Kenneth Hinson, 1410 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville 6, Tenn. for the Tennessee State Fair there September 15-20. The design will be that of the 1914

fair, extending across the bottom of the envelope, with nothing changed but the event's date. The covers are priced at 15c each or two for 25c, by cachet chairman Hinson.

Harvey Dolin & Co., 31 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. has just issued the firm's summer list of specials in U. S., UN, Israel, and other popular countries in stamps and covers. The concern is an established factor in the FDC field, and the current list provides liberal summer discounts from competitive prices. Copies of it are free in return for stamped addressed envelopes.

A summer break in the firm's series of monthly mail auctions has been announced by the Pasadena Stamp Co., 419 S. Grand Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. There will be no sale in August,

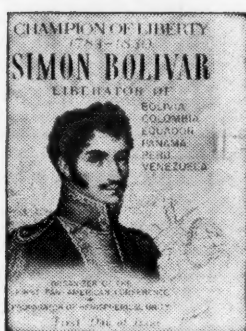
## Lakewood Club Names Officers For New Year

The Lakewood, Ohio Stamp Club has suspended activities for the summer, according to a notice from the secretary, Mrs. Wm. J. Gleason, Jr. She advised also that officers for 1958 were elected as follows:

Harry Green, president; F. G. Brightbill, vice president; J. Lyndon Antz, treasurer; Margaret Schrock, recording secretary; and Mrs. Gleason, corresponding secretary. The group will resume operations after Labor Day.

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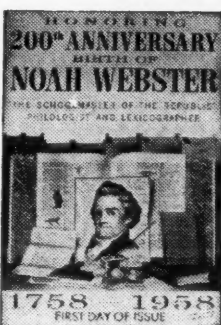
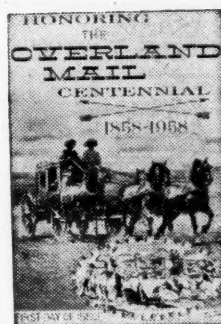
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Sealed government kilos are generally a pretty good proposition, netting the purchaser good return on his investment. Open mixtures, on the contrary, almost invariably disappoint, since inevitably they've been picked and repicked along the line. It is therefore interesting to note that one firm uses the phrase "All mixtures improved with added sets and singles" as a come-on, while another says frankly, "Each lot has been sweetened by the addition of an envelope of stamps sure to please you!" Ah me, hope springs eternal, etc.

Collectors like to garner stamps in specific categories—UPU's, Boy Scouts issues, etc. One very interesting group rather neglected to date has been the Postal Centenary one. It is, as yet, not particularly big, most of the stamps are large bicolors, many of them portray first issues and none is particularly expensive.

Wonder how come that so many "queer" issues of recent years emanate from the plant of one security printing house? Checking carefully, you will note that set after set it has produced is denied entry by Scott, or is footnoted therein.

The world's finest trade journal, bar none, is **The Stamp Wholesaler**, published for dealers only (you can't even subscribe unless you prove your status as a professional to Lucius Jackson of Burlington, Vt. This vigorous magazine, crammed with ads offering everything from albums and catalogs at close - margin rates to 80,000 variety mounted collections at \$3810, is now in its 22nd volume and mirrors stamp values throughout the world. One sees it on dealer desks in every country one visits and most copies are well-worn with use.

L. N. and M. Williams, England's famed philatelic writers, appear rather frequently on BBC TV broadcasts, dealing with stamps of the hour. With Frederick Wall of Stanley Gibbons, they put on quite a holiday program, discussing various Christmas stamps such as the 1948 Austrian Franz Gruber-Josef Mohr commem marking the 130th anniversary of **Silent Night, Holy and the two recent Australian ones**. Incidentally, they are introduced to the strains of **The Stamp Gallop**, the first popular piece of music with a philatelic theme, dating from the 1860's. This is today a great rarity, and the B.B.C. orchestra employed photostatic copies of an original in the British Museum music collection (As I recall, George Turner has one in his famous philatelic literature library, which crams his suburban New York home and an adjoining building).

Remember those 15 varieties of Heligoland for 15c, reprints, approval sheets were crowded with in your juvenile days, old timers? There was never any end to them because there were vast quantities of remainders and printing after printing of many values was made in behalf of Julius Goldner, the Hamburg wholesaler, who purchased the original plates and had bales of reprints run off at the Imperial Printing Works as well as by private firms (it's lots of fun, and not particularly expensive, forming a collection showing the several printings).

The supply has, at length, run out—Herr Goldner recently died and the small stock remaining was dispersed. Result, the set now comes to \$3.50-\$4, and folks

are scrambling for them. A few sets of sheets have showed up in recent British wholesale auctions and a New York sale or two, but there aren't any more available, so the end of an era has definitely been reached.

Announcement in **The Far East**, a church paper happening along: "STAMPS. Yes, save them all, even the commonest ones coming to your attention. Clip them off so as to leave a small margin of paper around. Post to our office. They will be sold for the benefit of our mission fund and some missionary in the Pacific or in Asia will benefit by your kind action. We regret that we cannot use silver paper or old razor blades at present." In Fiji, Boy Scouts gathering stamps sell them to H. E. Harris and Co., of Boston.

Complete sheets of 100 each of the 50c 1917 U.S.A. postage due (Scott's J-67) never fail to attract attention as framed wall displays, but full sheets of the \$5 1930 due (Scott's J-78) really set them talking! Actually, both may be bought by the 100 sheets. Many firms running "Return Postage Paid By Addressee" mail campaigns pay thousands of dollars a day in such mail, dues being used for the purpose. Naturally, mighty few escape philatelic hands—the wholesalers get 'em, dealers get 'em and then you get 'em. That's how it goes.

Periodically, British auction catalogs arrive with lots offered on behalf of this charitable organization, that missionary society or what have you. Specific cases in hand—The British and Foreign Bible Society and the Bible Medical Mission. At times, the material embraces choice old-time covers from the body's archives. Again, it's a 25, 50 or 100 pound bag of office mail clippings—real, honest-to-goodness mission mixture! Bidders are usually very generous, since it's all in a good cause (one commercially-minded party tells me that he can deduct successful bids from income as charitable donations), and the auctioneers normally don't charge even handling costs, let alone commission. So it works out well for all concerned.

A reader wants to know what "foxed" means. Just a fancy name for rust spots. In olden days, ordinary stream water was used in making paper. This water frequently contained iron in suspension and flakes ended up in the paper. In time, many of these flakes rusted, especially if the paper containing them was kept in a damp spot. Look at almost any old print or etching, up against a wall for years. It shows rust spots aplenty. So do many old-time stamps.

Of course, such spots, small as they may be, detract from market values. Describers naturally like to present things as well as possible and, since "foxed" sounds less deprecatory than "with rust spots", it's the term generally employed. But a rust spot is a rust spot and you can't get away from that.

Gum turns brown in the tropics. Most mint stamps from collections formed there have tropical stains but, to soften things somewhat, auction describers say "paper somewhat toned". Common trade practices, both of them. Don't be foxed!

For some reason I have never learned, all the Spanish 1909 4p. lake errors seen are punched "B H A". I would really appreciate an explanation if anyone has one to offer.

Stray copies of the unissued overprinted 2d Ghanas, briefly sold in error in June and July of last year at certain inland officers, are reaching the London market in dribbles, and are fetching around £2 a copy when on covers or large piece thereof showing the post office name (Kumasi, Kankank, Ho, Keta, etc.) and the date distinctly.

Now that Chinese Treaty Port issues, long a drug on the market, have become eminently respectable as fascinating local issues, dealers in Hong Kong are advertising to buy them.

Current British wholesale lists are offering the following mint items at face value in single sets in an effort to move them: Antigua 1c to \$4.80; current Bahama 1/2d through £1; Brunei 1952 1c through \$5; 1951-1954 Ceylon 2c through 10 rupee; and Gilbert and Ellice 1/2d through 10/-.

Incidentally, large parcels of George VI and Elizabeths have been dumped well below face by speculators of late. This has precipitated an acrid discussion in British trade and collector jour-

als—are such issues losing their appeal for collectors or is distress merchandise, flooding the market, only temporarily bringing down market valuations? Probably the latter. Certainly, many of us are rushing to buy such face or below material, and that may stabilize things. Nothing to get jittery over, anyhow.

Just as predicted last year, ample supplies of the 1956 Trinidad Christmas provisionals are appearing on the market and they may be had for less retail now than for wholesale the month after issue. Similarly, the recent 5c Seychelles provisional is now on offer on every hand—the island government filled dealer orders of 2000 copies or more by return airmail and it was only the lesser buyers who were frozen out—presumably because they "couldn't be bothered with". Collectors can get them anywhere at low price now.

An interesting offer from Singapore—fine used British #1 1948 Silver Weddings at \$125 U.S.A. per 100 copies. Only a few weeks old, Australian Christmas stamps are already available per 1000 sets fine used. Those little collections of 63 Transvaal 1885-1901 reprints, including two #5 stamps neatly mounted in a booklet each, are again on offer by the owner of the plates, a Persian currently residing on the Riviera. Having legally purchased the remainders and the plates half a century back, he had new printings run off as needed. They are to be had per 1 collection, per 100 collections and per 1000 collections.

A fair supply of a scarce little item, the Barbadian 1 1/2d orange, perforated 14, unused, has just become available. It appears that a local doctor acquired them at time of issue and recently sold them while visiting England.

A priest, recently come to the U.S.A. from Paraguay, brought with him (in behalf of the Church, it appears) a brief case full of mint Paraguay imperforate items, found over the past decade by a postal clerk in stock regularly issued to him for sale or, in the case of officials, for requisition, over the counter. Such items have wide appeal, are rather flashy, sell cheaply and should make quite a hit here in the U. S. A.

How many of you knew that the \$1, \$2 and \$5 Prexies were printed from two types of plates? The first printing had both black and colored arrows, markers and two plate numbers. The second printing has the plate numbers alone. The first printings are today less frequently encountered in stockbooks than the latter, hence knowing owners ask more for such first printing material.

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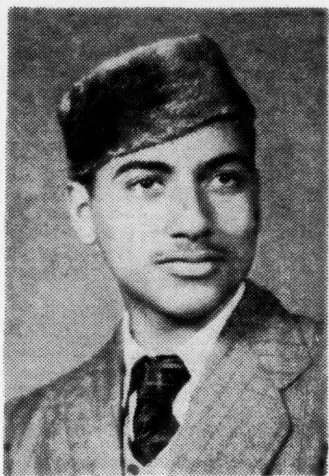
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Suresh Chandra Grover

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It is a well known fact that most of the Indian masses live in villages and that agriculture is their profession. Almost all of them are poor. They could not afford to buy big machines to cultivate the land and there were no power stations to produce electricity. But in these days the government is trying its best for the uplift of the villages.

A few years back the government abolished zamindars. Zamindars were big landlords who used to impose taxes on the poor farmers. The land of the poor who were not able to pay the taxes was auctioned, and the poor farmers were whipped.

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You may ask why were the farmers not able to pay the zamindars? For one thing, there were no canals and the farmers had to live at the mercy of the God of Water. If there were no rains, there was no food, and the farmers were the victims of famine and the cruel ruling whip.

Illiteracy and ignorance were the desire of the zamindars so that the cruel whip might not fade away. If anyone was lucky enough to pay the taxes, there was nothing to do except to gossip, and this was all due to illiteracy.

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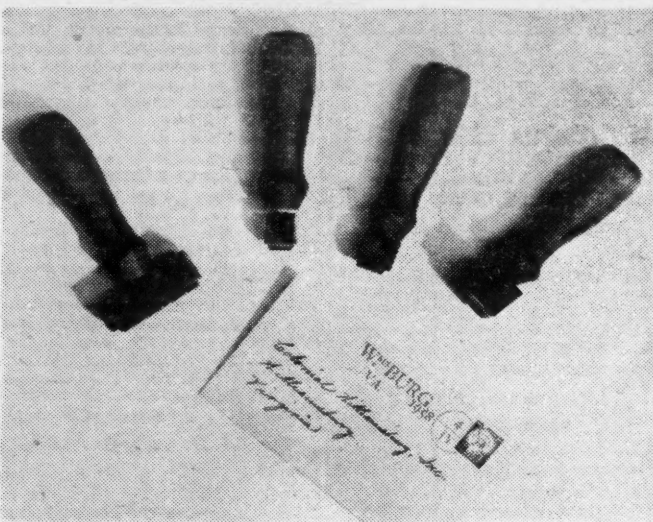
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THE UNIQUE CANCELLATION MARKS PUT IN USE AT THE colonial Printing Office and Post Office in Williamsburg, Va. starting July 4, are made with four stamps. They are a replica of the city stamp used there in 1771, an adaptation of a probable London date stamp showing the month and the day used in the same year, and stamps for the state and year set in the same Caslon type, conforming to 20th century post office requirements. Only letters and cards are handled and regular postage stamps will be used, although during the 18th century when William Parks operated the Post Office no stamps were used and postage was paid on the receipt of letters. First day covers were cancelled on May 15 at the opening ceremonies of the reconstructed Printing Office and Post Office attended by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

The zamindar's land has been distributed among the poor farmers. New colonies have been built with at least a middle school in each. The people in the villages are being educated and with education interest is developing in hobbies. Many are attracted by philately.

Before independence, Indian stamps always had the picture of the ruling British King or Queen. Since 1947 Indian stamps are all different. Many commemorate historic events, while others interpret the art and culture of India. The majority of Indians appreciate art and culture. Philately in India is spreading like an epidemic, and is especially becoming popular with country boys and girls. The people are now discovering how they can enjoy their spare time by hobbies such as stamp collecting. (The address of the author of this article, Suresh Chandra Grover, is: In Care Of Shiv Datt and Sons, 55 Hewett Road, Allahabad, India.)

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5a	6.0	61	118	2.0	0.1	366	1.2	0.3	591	0.25	0.25	B284		0.15	M14	65	0.65
6	2.75	62	119	0.2	0.1	367	1.5	0.2	592	0.25	0.20	B286	0.18		M15	18	0.18
7	1.50	63	120	1.5	0.1	368	1.8	0.4	593	0.20	0.15	B287	0.15	0.12	M16	65	0.65
8	6.25	64	121	2.0	0.2	369	1.8	0.4	594	0.20	0.20	B294	0.30		M17	65	0.65
9	1.5	65	122	2.0	0.2	370	3.5	0.7	595	0.25	0.20	B295	0.15	0.15	M18	45	0.45
10	6.5	66	123	0.6	0.4	374	2.5	1.8	596	0.20	0.15	B296	0.18	0.18	M22	0.3	0.3
11	1.5	67	124	4.5	0.3	375	2.0	1.5	597	0.20	0.15	B297	0.15	0.12	M23	0.5	0.5
12	1.75	68	125	0.8	0.3	376	1.5	0.9	598	0.20	0.15	B298	0.15	0.15	M24	0.3	0.3
13	1.30	69	126	0.6	0.3	377	1.2	1.2	603	0.20	0.20	B299	0.10		M27	0.6	0.6
14	1.5	70	127	0.6	0.3	381	1.2		604	0.25	0.20	C1	0.30	0.35	M31	0.7	0.7
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19	6.5	75	132	0.3	0.3	489	0.6	0.5	609	0.30	0.18	C13	0.07		M38	1.0	0.6
20	1.5	76	133	0.3	0.3	490	0.5	0.5	610	0.30	0.18	C14	0.20		M37	1.0	0.6
21	6.0	77	134	0.2	0.2	491	0.3	0.3	611	0.30	0.20	C16	0.30		M38	1.0	0.6
22	7.5	78	135	0.8	0.2	495	0.5	0.5	612	0.20	0.15	C28	0.40		M39	1.0	0.7
23	6.5	79	136	0.8	0.2	516	0.8	0.5	613	0.20	0.15	C42	0.30		M40	0.8	0.6
24	0.6	80	137	0.2	0.2	515	1.5	1.0	614	0.15	0.10	C47	0.05		M41	0.8	0.4
25	0.8	81	138	0.2	0.1	534	2.3		615	0.20	0.15	C48	0.08		M42	2.5	2.0
26	1.5	82	139	0.2	0.2	535	3.5	2.5	616	0.10	0.10	C49	0.10		M43	5.0	3.5
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33a	16.00	90	147	0.3	0.3	555	5.5	5.5				J16		0.08	N73	0.7	0.7
34	0.3	91	148	0.4	0.4	555	5.0	5.0				J21		0.45	N74	0.8	0.8
35	0.3	92	149	0.4	0.4	557	1.00	1.00				J23		0.375	N75	0.7	0.7
37	0.2	93	150	0.3	0.3	559	0.25	0.25				J39		0.05	P5	..	23.00
38	0.3	94	151	0.3	0.3	562	0.63	0.25				B166	0.18	0.20	J42	0.62	0.62
39	3.0	95	152	0.7	0.3	564	0.30	0.30				B184	0.08	0.10	J42	1.18	0.93
38	3.50	96	153	0.3	0.3	565	0.20	0.20				B207	0.05	0.05	J43	0.25	0.3
40	4.50	97	154	0.2	0.2	566	0.30	0.5				B224	0.15	0.15	J44	0.60	0.92
41	0.3	98	155	0.3	0.3	567	0.25	0.25				B235	0.06	0.06	P5	..	25.00
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53	0.5	110	164	0.3	0.3	580	0.25	0.20				B262	0.95	0.95	M7	0.15	0.12
54	0.5	111	165	0.3	0.3	581	0.30	0.30				B263	0.95	0.95	M8	0.30	0.25
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2.75	7.95	8.95	10.45	3.95	3.95	5.20	5.55	5.55	51.95	3.95	5.75	5.85	22.50	3.15	3.15	3.15	1.95	1.00	.95	1.50	4.65	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95
20.95	62.95	73.50	84.95	31.95	31.95	42.95	48.95	44.95	410.00	31.95	43.95	45.50	10.95	26.95	26.95	26.95	13.50	6.45	6.25	8.25	22.50	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45
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## Ghana Dues In Short Supply

It is reported that the over-printed Gold Coast postage due stamps are in short supply, and that no releases have yet taken place in London. A circular from the New York agency stated that the orders would be cut back.

## Indian Issues Planned

It is reported that the next Indian commemoratives to be released are a 15nP (possible in the "Dr. Karve" format) for Sir J. Chandra Bhose, the Nationalist leader who aimed to set up independent government in India during the 1939-45 war with the assistance of the German and Japanese Governments. The "Azad-Hind" stamps were prepared for this purpose. Issue date is likely to be in November.

Further proposals include stamps for the centenary of Bipin Chandra Pal, for the scientist Prafulchandra Roy, and for the 60th anniversary of the Haffkine Institute, Bombay. A set of three Scout stamps is also possible.

## Saar Set Invalid

The Saar "Heuss" stamps without "F" indication of value were rendered invalid for postage on June 30.

## East German Congress

A red 10pf. stamp appeared on June 30 for the 5th Congress of the East German Socialist Unity Party. It shows an arm brandishing an inscribed flag, and was designed by K. Sauer, Berlin, and offset printed by the Deutsche Wertpapier-Druckerei, Leipzig, on "quatrefoils" wmk paper.

The two stamps honoring the centenary of Darwin's Theory of Evolution and the bicentenary of the "Systema Naturae" of Linnaeus, were issued on June 19: 10pf. green and black, portrait of Darwin ("blocked" value); 20 pf., red and black, Portrait of Linnaeus. Both stamps were designed by R. Skribekla, and offset printed by the Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig, on "quatrefoils" wmk paper.

The East German stamp booklets and combination sheets showing uncut booklet pane combinations have also been released on the new "quatrefoils" paper. The "Peoples' Army" series has been postponed until the autumn.

## Finland Revises

The current 100Mk. stamp of Finland has been revised to delete the "Mk." indication. Also, the figures of value are now in roman, instead of italic, type.

## Poland Fair Single, Gliding Pair

On June 9, a single 2.50Zl. stamp was released for the 27th Poznan Fair. It shows the Emblem of the Fair (a helmet of Mercury) and is printed in red and gray, in an edition of 3 million copies.

Two stamps were issued on June 14, for the 7th International Gliding Championships. The designs show the outline of a

glider formed of the words "MIS-TRZ OSTWA FAI" and date 1958. Offset printed, values are 60gr., gray blue and black, 10 million; and 2.50Zl., gray and black, 2 million.

Future Polish plans now include a four-value Sports set; two values for the International Geophysical Year; a set for the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish immigrants in the United States; a stamp for the defense of the Danzig Polish Post Office (1939), on September 1; three stamps on October 3, for the 15th anniversary of the Polish Peoples' Army; and in December, two stamps for the 10th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, and the opening of the Paris UNESCO Building.

## Spanish Brussels Confusion

Two stamps, 80c red and sepia and 3Pts. blue and red, were issued June 3 for the Spanish participation at the Brussels Exhibition. Both show the five-pointed "Brussels Star" and Globe emblem.

At the same time, 100,000 blocks were to have been released for the National Philatelic Exhibition, Madrid, incorporating these stamps in altered (imperf) denominations of 80c + 1.20Pts. and 3Pts. + 2Pts. Sale price of the block was 9Pts., including 2Pts. entrance fee. However, the blocks were stated not to have been ready in time for the opening.

## Hungarian Futures

Plans for the next batch of Hungarian issues include eight values showing flowers (four square, four triangular), and special stamps for the 40th anniversary of the first Hungarian airmail, for International Geophysical Year, for the Football Cup finals, for the 40th anniversary of the Hungarian Communist Party, and for the UN Declaration of Human Rights. In addition, a new set of airmails is due before the end of the year.

The Lake Balaton series comprises the following designs: 30f. sailing yacht; 40f., vintner and grapes; 60f., bathers in the lake; 1ft., outline of holiday maker in deck chair, and hotel; 1.20ft., fishermen; 1.50ft., sanatorium and emblem of healing; 2ft., family waving to steamer; 3ft., ice skating on the lake, and ice yachts. Designs are by Tibor Gonczi. A range of special postmarks will be used during the tourist season at various resorts.

## Italy Brussels Single

Italy released on June 12, a single blue and yellow 60L. stamp for the Brussels Exhibition, showing an ancient Roman road leading towards the "Brussels Star". The design is by C. Mancini, with photogravure printing at the Rome State Printing Office in the usual Italian format.

## Four For Portuguese Saints

Four stamps (photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons, London) will honor the Festival of Queen St. Elizabeth, Coimbra. At the same time they will recall St. Teotónio Ovesques, first prior of the Monastery of the Holy Cross, Coimbra. Values and quantities are: 1E, brick red, St. Elizabeth (7 million); 2E, green, St. Teotónio (5 million); 2.50E, violet, as 1E. (2 million); 5E, sepia, as 2E. (1 million).

## New Definitives For Dutch Antilles

A new set of definitives, printed in two-color offset by Enschede from designs by Harry Dinsberg, was released for use in the Dutch Antilles July 9. Each shows a landscape design with a portrait of Queen Juliana in the upper left-hand corner, with added views as follows:

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## Ethiopia Plans Red Cross Set

A further lot of Anti-TB (Red Cross) stamps is due in Ethiopia on December 15. Values will be: 20c + 3c, violet; 25c + 5c, emerald; 35c + 5c, red violet; 60c + 7c ultramarine; 65c + 7c, lavender; and 80c + 9c, magenta.

## Haiti Brussels Issue

Haiti released 6 commemorative and a miniature sheet for the Brussels Fair, on June 11: 50c brown and 1G, violet, the Atomium; 75c green and 1.50G, orange, view of the Exhibition; Airmails: 2G, red, Atomium; 5G, blue, view. Printers are Waterlow & Sons.

## Mexico Oil Issue

Four stamps were released in June for the 10th anniversary of the Nationalization of the Oil Industry. In uniform design, they show a Mexican engineering student. Values are: ordinary mail, 30c and 5P., and airmail, 50c and 1P. Printing were 2 million of the low values and 100,000 of the 5P.

## Spanish Colonies Plan More Thematics

The usual "Stamp Day" sets for the Spanish Colonies will be released November 23. Denominations for Ifni, Spanish Guinea and Sahara are: 10c + 5c, 25c + 10c, and 50c + 10c, in printings between 626,000 and 750,000. For Guinea, butterfly designs will be shown, Sahara will feature birds, and Ifni will show fishing and fishers.

## Viet Nam's Latest

During May, Viet Nam issued a single 150d. blue for the Women's Congress, Vienna, in an edition of 600,000, offset printed in the National Bank Printing Office.

The same plant produced two values for the "Handicrafts and Small Industries Fair" Hanoi, which were issued in May. They show a milling machine. Values are 150d. black and pink (1 million) and 200d. orange and blue (100,000). Two further sets for the same purpose, showing handicraft products and pottery, are in production.

Future issues scheduled include 50, 150, 200d. for military Congress; 150, 300d. National service; 150d. Young Workers' Unity; 150d. August Revolution; 150d. Resistance of South Viet Nam; 50, 150d. Temple of Ngoc son; 150, 500d. Ninh Binh bridge; 150, 2000d. Halong; 50, 150d. mining; 150d. agricultural workers; 150d. workers cooperative; and 150d. agricultural products.

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**MORE MW DATEDS**

Dale Besom and also Charles Metz of Philadelphia inform me that Salt Lake City used printed MW's in the past. These seem to be very scarce. Mr. Metz adds that Dallas, Texas is a new-comer to the MW parade. The first know date is March of '58. It was on the 9c Liberty reading up.

Mr. Metz states that there are about 41 cities that have used MW in the rubber handstamp types of various kinds. Many of these are, according to him, much scarcer than a lot of the printed MW's. One I can think of is the item I saw used at Springfield, Ohio. Also I think Columbus, Ohio used a few MW rubber overprints when they first came out.

**BUREAU NOTES**

Some Bureau sheet stamp imprints sometimes get high or low on the stamp, once in awhile so that they split the legend, but seldom do coil imprints ever get too much off center. Harold Groth of Los Gatos, Calif. shows me a 2c Liberty coil from Cleveland, Ohio with the imprint so far to the right that the "D" of Cleveland is clear off the stamp.

Some time back I wrote about certain narrow Prexy Bureaus where the bottom line sometimes looks like a neat double hairline. Since then I have seen several specimens and I have come to the conclusion that you can start at the double hairline and find specimens in all stages back up to the solid thick line.

I have seen evidence of this double line appearance on a 1c coil from Philadelphia (the first coil noted) and on the top line of a 20c Prexy from Baltimore, Md.

If you are a "mm hound" here is one to check up on: Mr. Metz whom I mentioned above states that these new Liberty Bureaus on the horizontal format with the legend reading up have a spacing between lines of only 10mm while the regular stamps that are now being released (Liberties) have a spacing between lines of 10½mm. Check some once and see what you find.

**BLUE INK BLOOMFIELDS**

Some years ago when local precancels other than Towns and Types were more sought after we reported BLUE ink varieties from Bloomfield, N. J. These were in the U-10 type used by that city. What the values were we no longer remember but we do remember the man who submitted them, Percy C. Davenport of Bloomfield N. J.

He once again informs me and now shows specimens of this same type on 1c and 2c Liberties in blue ink. Bloomfield is a pretty steady user of Bureaus but these evidently were made up as a fill-in between orders. The 1½c Liberty was also used there but these were printed in black ink. All known copies of these read down.

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The Western Pennsylvania club in with a ½c and 1½c Prexy from Edgemont, Pa. Type U-120n. The Pennsylvania count now is 959 Towns and 1699 Types. The "Pacific Northwest Newsletter" in with a 2c Liberty from Redmond, Wash. Looks like a printed job; if a handstamp please forward me the secret! The "Kansas Precancel News" from Bern, Kans. type U-120n.

The "Nebraska News" with a ½c and 1½c Prexy from Virginia, Nebr. The Nebraska count now is 411 Towns and 659 Types. The "Printed Dated News" from Rockford, Ill. with a 2c Liberty sheet stamp Dated, PDPN 6-58.

The National Assn. of Precancel Collectors mailed a brochure plugging their annual convention at Atlantic City on October 22-26. The brochure was mailed in a 1c precancelled envelope along with a 1c Liberty stamp, both precancelled South Dennis, N. J.

Have a price list of Southern precancels mailed from Zephyrgills, Fla. with a 2c Prexy coil; yes, the coil was precancelled. Address of any of the above for return postage.

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